

Foresters. The ladies seemed to appreciate the idea of such companionship. Refreshments were served in abundance, and the National Anthem was sung. Court Macdonald will have a nice little sum added to their finances to build the new hall now in contemplation.

Court Keewatin, No. 19. On June 1st the High Chief Ranger and High Counsellor paid an official visit to this court. They were very agreeably surprised at such a good showing of members turning out to do them honor, especially as their town was all alive owing to the great mining convention. This court is not only in a gold town in a gold region, but won golden opinions from the officers as to the hearty manner in which they carried on their business, and the interest taken in their affairs, not only by the officers but also by the members, looks well to the future success of this flourishing court. Addresses were delivered by the High Chief Ranger, Bro. Waddell, Bro. G. H. West, and several others of the brethren. The High Secretary (who was here on private business) dropped in during the evening and said a few words. After closing, refreshments were served which were much appreciated by all. The meeting is one that will be remembered by the High Officers, and they feel proud that such an energetic and large court has been added to Manitoba, and thus wish great success to Court Keewatin.

Court High Bluff, No. 965, went in for a happy time on Saturday, the 19th of June. The beautiful grove at the home of our worthy C.D., Bro. Greenlay, was the scene of action. The youth and beauty of the district was well represented, and we had a representative gathering; games of all kinds were indulged in. Tea was served about six, when ample justice was done to the good things provided by the ladies. At 7.30 Bro. Dillworth called the gathering together, and introduced the speakers of the day. Bro. Booth gave a very interesting address upon the benefits of the Order. Then a speech by the H.C.R., Bro. Waddell, setting forth all the magnificent achievements of the I.O.F., paying special praise to the S.C.R., Dr. Oronhyatekha, for his high executive ability and management. He also introduced the new branch, the Companions of the Foresters; this seemed to take very favorably with the ladies. Bro. Rev. McJordon next gave his experience as a Methodist Forester, giving many striking illustrations of the benefits he had known conferred by the Order. The chairman called for the singing of God Save the Queen, and the large audience wended their way homewards, well pleased with the Foresters' picnic.

Mrs. John Simpson, of Shoal Lake, Man., thanks Court Elora, No. 17, for the respect shown by the members to her late son, Bro. R. Simpson, a member of the court. She also thanks the Executive for the prompt payment of the mortuary benefit of \$500.

Mrs. Fannie Schenck, of Almont, Mich., writes the Almont Herald her thanks to the members of Court Almont for their kind attention to her family and herself in her great bereavement through the death of her husband, H. B. Schenck, a member of Court Almont, No. 781. She also thanks the Supreme Executive for the prompt payment of \$2,000, the Mortuary Benefit carried by her late husband.

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HIGH CHIEF RANGER OF IOWA.

The first officer of the High Court of Iowa, whose portrait we give below, is like many men we know, a modest man—too modest, we confess, to suit the idea of the biographer, who likes a certain amount of details when giving a sketch of a person's life.

Bro. Fleu, who has been placed in the highest position at the disposal of his brethren of Iowa, at the recent meeting of the High Court of that jurisdiction, saw the light a little over a half century ago. His jubilee was due on the 14th April, 1896. He is a native of Wilmington, Delaware. When he was but three years of age his parents moved to Davenport, Iowa. His early manhood was spent



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in the West, visiting California, New Mexico, and Utah. From 1869 to 1884 he was engaged in railroad construction in Iowa. Since the latter date he has devoted himself to commercial pursuits.

Bro. Fleu has been prominent in fraternal society and club work since his youth. He became a Mason in 1867; is at present Commander of the local tent of the K.O.T.M.; president of the Republican League of Scott county; member of the Railway Commercial Club, etc.

When Tri City Court of the I.O.F. was organized Bro. Fleu was a charter member, and was chosen first Chief Ranger.

His first appearance at High Court was at the meeting in May last at Cedar Rapids, when he was elected on the first ballot to his present position, an honor that rarely comes at so early a stage in one's career in the High Court.

The knowledge of men and affairs that the High Chief of Iowa brings to his office will doubtless